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NEGRO HOLDUPS ARE BOLD

NEGRO BUSINESS MEN NOON-DAY CLUB GOING TO TUSKEGEE IN APRIL

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Missouri a Potential Factor in the Coming Election —Negroes Hold Key to Situation.

By J. Silas Harris.

For years after the establishment of the federal union, the “Old Dominion” (Virginia) swayed the political fortunes of the young republic, and thereby won the undisputed title, “Mother of Presidents.”

The surrender of Lee at Appomattox sounded the death knell of human slavery and the supremacy of Virginia in national affairs. Since then, other



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states, New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Illinois have struggled, with varying fortunes, for leadership.

And now Missouri is demanding a hearing at the Bar of Public Opinion.

Tom Benton's “Thirty Years in the United States Senate,” the famous (infamous) Dred Scott Decision, and The Missouri Compromise are a trinity of events by which the “show no state” is best known. Beyond being a “dumping ground” for mediocre politicians from Kentucky, Imperial Missouri has no claim to a niche in the “Hall of Fame.”

After a sleep of more than a hundred years, the “hill billies” of Old Missouri have awakened to the fact, that in spite of their wonderful resources, their beloved state is far behind most of the progressive Commonwealths of the Union; and, just now, they are seeking the reasons therefor.

The records of school, politics, church, and of manifold industrial activities are being carefully searched and startling revelations are imminent.

Demand to see the “books” have been frequently made during the past fifty years, but only once, during that time, did we get a glimpse of them and then the Democratic sun was shining so brightly, in our eyes, making it impossible for us to read. But the report has gone out, and many believe it, that attacks upon the state treasury, in the name of the law, have been more flagrant than were the plunderings of the treasury of New York by the infamous “ring” of a generation ago. When a man grows tired of being robbed, no matter who the robber may be, he is going to “holer,” and fight too, to protect his own. And this is just what's going to happen to the great army of Democratic officials, who have mismanaged the affairs of the state, with but little or no interruption, since her admission into the Union. Missouri is just passing her first hundred mile post, and for once the eyes of the whole Nation are centered upon her. Will she step forward and take rank with Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Kansas, or will she continue to lag in the rear?

ardly, subservient and mercenary—afraid to “cry out” against that long reign of the lawless and depraved, which has depleted the treasury, robbed the over-burdened taxpayers, made a mockery of law, and stilled the wheels of industry. But the hour of reckoning is at hand. The people will no longer be led by that “gang of old fossils (Democrats), who are now clamoring for a new lease of life. Just a few years ago they fought, bled and died to perpetuate human slavery; failing, they lent every energy to crush and humiliate the enfranchised freedmen, and their hellish work has gone on, uninterrupted, from that hour until the present day.

The electoral vote of Missouri, in the coming election, may decide the Presidency, and so evenly are the two political parties divided, that which way her pendulum will swing is difficult to determine at this time. The Democrats, started at the trend of sentiment toward the Republican party, and fearing for their political lives, are turning to the once abused and despised Negro (nigger), pleading for assistance at the polls next November. Great God, what a spectacle! Pat Harrison of Mississippi, in the Senate, and Thomas Looney Blanton, of Texas, in the House, pouring out their vials of wrath upon the defenseless head of the Negro, while the Democratic State Committee of Missouri, in on bended knees, pleading with the “mother in black” to save the party from political annihilation. And now is the Negro's day and opportunity. He holds the balance of political power. Will he use it in the interest of that party which stands for Progress and Prosperity or will he cast his lot with the party of inaction, stagnation, of broken promises, and of incompetency. The Negro now has an opportunity to prove his right to citizenship by lifting Missouri out of the mire, slime and filth in which she has been wallowing for a century and place her among the leaders in the sisterhood of states.

The Democratic platform will not contain a single line against Jim Crowing, lynching, disfranchisement, segregation, and other heinous products of that party, used to retard the progress of the Negro and the Nation. The Republicans of Missouri will nominate a ticket of clean capable men, who will, if elected, give the state an administration that will prove a blessing to a long suffering people. Will the Negro do his duty?

Carry Away Safe Containing \$4,500.

Four armed Negroes went to the home of Robert Savington, well known about town, 807 Jefferson street, Tuesday night of last week and carried away an iron safe containing between \$1,200 and \$1,500 in cash and jewelry valued at \$3,000.

Savington is the owner of a restaurant next door to the Jefferson hotel. Savington told the police that the robbers carried the small iron safe to a motor truck outside and drove away.

Among articles taken were two gold watches, a diamond ring with a cluster of 15 stones, and several stick pins.

NOTICE.

The North-End Day Nursery will be open beginning Monday March 15 to receive children.

Nursery rooms open for inspection Sunday.

At the Garrison Square Forum Miss Brown will speak on the subject “Care of Babies.” Mr. Nat Spencer will speak on the subject, “Race Problem.” The Forum program begins at 3:00 o'clock. The public is invited.

BOARD OF MANAGERS,
Nannie G. Bunch, Secy.

DR. E. ARLINGTON WILSON

Noted pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Will preach the 25TH ANNIVERSARY SERMON of the pastorate of Rev. S. W. Bacote, D.D., at Second Baptist Church, Sunday March 14, at 11:00 A. M. Dr. Wilson will also deliver the Annual Sermon to Auxiliaries at 8:00 P. M. A reception will be tendered the pastor Monday evening, March 15.

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NEGRO LEADERSHIP A JOKE.

The Negroes of this city are badly in need of intelligent, firm and courageous leadership that is able to advise our people in the things to do politically for the best interests of the race. In the recent Republican City Convention a sorry spectacle was presented by our representatives who not only seemed unable to demonstrate what they were sent there for but NOT ONE lifted his voice during the entire convention to demand recognition of our racial group.

The Eighth Ward with forty-six Negroes and fourteen white delegates was the one ward to which the Negroes of the city looked to secure representation for us on the ticket but the majority of the 46 were as dumb as oysters while one or two “Uncle Tom” Negroes kept themselves busy carrying “news” to a few cheap white men who posed as leaders of the so-called Anti-Boss movement. Be it said to the credit of a few of the Colored men on the delegation they insisted on nominating a Negro but the “Uncle Tom” and “Old Black Joe” Negroes kept them from getting action.

It is regrettable that Wm. C. Hueston who is generally recognized as the leader of our group in this ward was absent because we believe he would have stood up for his people, but even Tom Marks for whom the Negroes fought so gallantly primary day got “cold feet” and urged the Negroes not to nominate a candidate.

The Sun is for the Negro before every other political consideration and firmly believes that due to cowardly leadership the race has gone back ten years in its political development in this city.

The German Republican was recognized, the Irish Republican was recognized, and even the Italian Republican (not 500 of whom vote the Republican ticket) was recognized but the Negro Republican, the most loyal of them all was not given even a passing notice.

Until the race gets rid of its time serving, job hunting, “white folks Nigger” it will never get anywhere politically in Kansas City.

The Sun has no grievance or complaint against Lieut. J. Pierce Kane, the splendid young white man and ex-soldier who received the nomination in the Eighth Ward—(It believes he is the best white man who could have been nominated)—but it still believes the Negroes threw away an opportunity that will not come again soon.

JESS MASON HELD UP.

Jess Mason a well known sporting man on Twelfth street near Vine was held up by a Negro who had been a frequent visitor at his club, last Monday and robbed of \$475.00 which he had counted preparatory to sending to the bank. Mr. Mason had been feeding the Negro who robbed him all the winter allowing him to do light chores around his place and says he'll never be caught napping again by another holdup man.

Mrs. Ada Wells, wife of Officer Bush Wells of 1806 East 12th street died last Thursday following an operation and the funeral services were held from Ebenezer A. M. E. church, Rev. W. T. Osborne officiated. The floral tributes were the largest, most beautiful as well as numerous seen at a funeral recently. Mrs. Wells had many friends who with her husband will mourn her passing.

NEGRO WOMAN KILLED IN DIVE.

“Black Satin,” Dangerous Criminal, Killed by Man She Theatened.

The end of the crime career of Blanche Green, 921 East Fourth street a Negro woman known to the police as “Black Satin,” the most dangerous Negro woman in Kansas City's underworld, came early yesterday morning when she was shot and killed by a Negro in an underworld dive at 601 Harrison street. “Black Satin” is credited by the police with killing two men and participating in many shooting and cutting affairs.

The shooting was the outcome of a quarrel between “Black Satin” and Samuel Butler, which started several months ago when Butler, an ex-convict, had her arrested. She charged him with being a “stool pigeon” for the police and threatened to kill him in court. The underworld was stirred again when she threatened to kill Butler before she left.

Yesterday morning in the Negro den, used openly as a gambling and dance hall, “Black Satin” and Butler met. A fight was started. “Black Satin” reached to her bosom for a revolver which she always carried. Butler seized her and wrested the pistol from her and fired. He then ran out of the door, escaping.

Sgt. Harry Boyle and a squad of patrolmen arrested thirteen Negroes, men and women frequenters.

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI.

Rev. C. H. Blacksher, pastor of Holy chapel, C. M. E. Church, has gone to Chicago, Ill., for a visit. Mrs. Maggie Lewis has been quite ill at her home on Holman St. Miss Ethyl Bledsoe who has been seriously ill with pneumonia fever is little improved. Mrs. Hattie Rucker is on the sick list. Mrs. Octavice Jackson is ill. The campaign for \$2,500 for Holy chapel C. M. E. Church has started the clubs are organized, there are eight clubs, the rally will take place sometime in May. The Sunday School is wide awake. Mr. Chas. Johnson is the superintendent. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Malron died at their home on Douglas St. Miss Mabel Harris and Mrs. T. E. Prince are quite ill. Mr. Jeff Banks, one of our esteemed citizens of St. Joseph, was killed in his place of business, corner of 5th and Mes-saine St., Tuesday morning, 3 o'clock by a white man, named Baker. The funeral took place at his late residence, 2209 Sylvan St. Rev. J. B. Walker of St. Luke C. M. E. Church officiated. He leaves a mother, wife and two daughters, three sisters and a brother and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Mr. Straghter Besh-ears who has been on the sick list for a long time is very much better. Mrs. Hattie Hayden who has been on the sick list is out again. The “Y” drive is still on; they have raised \$1,960, and we must keep on to the three thousand dollar mark. All friends who have not pledged we hope will make the sacrifice now.

There will be an entertainment at the St. Francis Street Baptist Church. The admission is ten cents. The Charity Club met with Miss Sally Phoenix. The Jewel Art Club has not been having any meeting on account of the “flu.” Mr. James Bradley has been on the sick list, but is very much improved. Master James Williams, the little son of Mrs. Louise Williams is up and out again.

MRS. DR. DIBBLE LOSES \$60.00.

Mrs. J. E. Dibble had the misfortune to have her purse snatched last Friday evening at dusk by a Negro youth just as she was trying to go into the gate of her residence, 1725 Michigan avenue. The purse contained \$60.00 in currency, several checks and her keys and other papers, none of which have been recovered.

Man Falls Seven Stories to Death.

Walter Stewart, 38 years old, negro, employed as a window washer, was killed instantly last week when he fell from a window on the seventh floor of a newly constructed movie exchange building at Seventeenth and Main streets. He is survived by a wife and one child.

THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY SING

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Will take place Wednesday evening MARCH 17.

100 VOICES IN SONG RECITAL.
Admission 25 cents.

MAJOR SMITH LAUDED.

Major N. Clark Smith received the following letter from Mr. Harold L. Butler, Dean of the Fine Arts Department, University of Kansas, in which he says: I am glad to say a word relative to the work which you did here last summer. I have reports from the various instructors with whom you worked and they all speak of your exceptional talent, your unbounded energy and enthusiasm and the fine spirit with which you took up every part of the work. From the conversations which I had with you I knew that you would carry your work as a teacher and by this means cause your students to look upon the subject of music as you look upon it. The knowledge which you had when you came here and your past experience made you without doubt the most able student in music in the summer school. We were proud to have you with us and only hope that you felt repaid for the time you spent with us. At any time you see fit to return here for advanced work we shall be glad to have you. We have two of your students who seem thoroughly in earnest and in a measure have brought your enthusiasm and energy. With kindest regards I am,
Yours cordially,
H. L. BUTLER, Dean.

NEGRO ROBBED OF \$169.00.

Henry Logan, colored, 1825 Locust was robbed by two Negroes Tuesday afternoon of \$169.00 which he had just drawn from the bank for the purpose, he said of buying a rooming house and restaurant. He said the Negroes backed him against the wall and threatened to kill him and then took his money from him. No arrests have been made to date.

Imperial Potentate Ceasar R. Blake Jr. of Charlotte, N. C., paid a visit to Allah Temple No. 6, Thursday night and delivered a very forceful and thoughtful address. He was rendered a smoker after the ceremonial session which was highly enjoyed. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Houston and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Crews.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad and loving memory of our darling little son, Keith Cordell Wright, who went from us one year ago today, March 11, 1919, at the age of 2 years, 10 months, 11 days.

When for a walk we went, on errand or on pleasure bent, as we drew near the portals of our home, our little lad would slip his dimpled hands from ours, and running swiftly down the street, turn to greet us at our door, and smiling say: “I beat you home—a little bit.”

Dear sweet little laddie of ours, he went, one year ago today, to the Great Home above, and with aching hearts, we go on alone for our child has beaten us home—a little bit.

But with hope and faith we look upward, where behind the Great Unknown, God, within the shadow, keepeth watch over his own, and knows that our Dear One is there, waiting to greet us with a smile.

His daddy and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Wright, Grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bryant, great grandmother, Mrs. Letha Rogers.

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Mayor—Matthew A. Foster,
Comptroller—Herbert L. Patt,
Treasurer—Harry C. Jobs,
Judge North Side Court—Alexander D. Saper,
Judge South Side Court—Fred B. Mertsheimer.

Upper House Aldermen.

John H. Speas, John Crandall, James B. Welsh, J. E. Farrar, Garrett Ellison, Frank L. Burke, S. A. Blackburn, John P. Swift.

Lower House Aldermen.

First Ward—Frank O. Evans (machine).
Second Ward—Roscoe C. Player (machine).
Third Ward—Frank C. Shryock.
Fourth Ward—Sam Tripi.
Sixth Ward—Harry H. Barton.
Seventh Ward—Jas. H. Burton.
Eighth Ward—J. Pierce Kane (machine).
Ninth Ward—Maj. Frank Ward.
Tenth Ward—Fred L. Bedell.
Eleventh Ward—W. L. Hutchison.
Twelfth Ward—Win. E. Morton.
Thirteenth Ward—W. M. Knop.
Fourteenth Ward—A. H. Rapp.
Fifteenth Ward—Edwin V. Simons (machine).
Sixteenth Ward—A. B. Hoover.

THE GOVERNMENT CHALLENGED

(Houston, Tex., Post.) But it was the government of Kentucky that the mob attacked when they undertook to take the Negro away from Kentucky authorities, and by that act they placed themselves in the position of insurrectionists, challenging the authority of their government. When men do that, they ought to know they take their lives into their own hands, and have no redress if they come to grief.

TIME TO DELIVER.

(Washington Cor. Birmingham Age-Herald)

Constitutional amendments have become so exceedingly popular that every man seeking redress comes to congress demanding one.

There must be a federal statute against lynching. George W. Cook, a professor at Howard University, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people, says so. He told the house judiciary committee that if such a law is not possible of creation under the constitution, the constitution should be changed—amended.

N. H. Thomas, an erudite Negro, thrilled the committee by his references to the Washington race riots last July, and swore that if the government did not devise means of stamping out lynching the Colored people “would be forced to fight for their rights.”

Arthur B. Spingarn, a captain in the service declared to the committee that there were 82 lynchings last year, twelve men having been burned at the stake.

“Amend the Constitution,” they urged in union. When handicaps in that direction were cited, they again exclaimed: “The Constitution has been amended and may again be amended.”

The republican membership of the committee gave the spokesman careful attention.

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Announces the opening of Dr. Sidney E. Johnson's NEW DRUG STORE at 1700 East 12th Street, N. E. Cor. 12th and Highland.

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Complete Stock—Prompt Delivery.

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THIRD ANNUAL FASHION SHOW
TUESDAY, APRIL 6,
By the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Auxiliary.
Mrs. Effie Watkins, Pres. Mrs. Clara E. Miller, Sec'y.

DR. THEO. SMITH HELD UP.

Dr. Theo. Smith the popular pioneer druggist was held up in his drug store the famous “Busy Drug Store” 19th and Truay last Thursday evening by two Negroes who rifled both cash registers securing some \$50.00 but molested none of the stock; keeping Dr. Smith covered with a revolver, they backed out of the door and disappeared as quickly as they had come. Although Dr. Smith had an automatic laying under the counter, he was unable to get to it until they had made their getaway.

DR. SIDNEY E. JOHNSON.

Proprietor of the new Johnson's Drug Store at 1700 East Twelfth street, (12th and Highland avenue.) Dr. Johnson is well known to Kansas Cityans having been a Registered Pharmacist in this city for twelve years, a graduate of Howard University and has made scores of influential friends since his residence here. Dr. Johnson is married and his charming wife is known to her friends as “Janie” and is loved by all who know her. The Johnson's Drug Store is one of the most beautiful, well stocked and well equipped in the city; the large and expensive soda fountain will be superintended by the well known “Broadway” Johnson. Prompt and accurate service will be the unbroken rule at this store. The phones are Bell, Clifton 4915 and Home, Benton 1093.

BLACKEST PAGES OF HISTORY.

(Baltimore, Md., News.) It is of course disgraceful that in a city of the size of Lexington and supposed orderliness, such riots as accompanied the trial of the Negro Lockett should be countenanced for a minute. But, due to the prompt action of Governor Morrow of Kentucky, a still greater disgrace—that a prisoner might have been forcibly taken from a court of justice—was averted.

This country cannot be considered to have reached a really high state of civilization until such outbreaks of elemental passion and basality as have been and are all too frequent are eliminated. It is vitally a common place say that the lynchings and attempted lynchings which occur to some extent all over the country, but more especially in the South, constitute some of the blackest pages of our national history and the most uncomfortable thought of all is that mob violence still seems far from extermination.

CALM FIRMNESS OF POWER.

(Louisville, Ky., Courier)

The calm firmness of the state in asserting its power is a warning to others who might be tempted into acts of anarchy or violence. It says to them: “Gaze on this and beware!” Kentucky has set an example for the country. Its stand will have a moral effect of inestimable public value. In some minds falsely believing to be a land of tolerated law-breaking and bloodshed, the state now takes on a new look as a majestic champion of law and order.

“Law and Order!” Be that the slogan for all and more and more will the people's government be vitalized into a thing to be respected and supported.

ASK OMAHA ABOUT LEXINGTON.

(Chicago, Ill., Herald-Examiner)

Ask any citizen of Omaha whether or not it would have been better to drive that mob back with rifles or to allow it to make headway, to conquer it at even the terrible cost in human life which was exacted in Lexington or to allow it to conquer the law. There will be but one answer. The law must be upheld.